



# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS — WISCONSIN'S FOX VALLEY

CALUMET, FOND DU LAC, GREEN LAKE, OUTAGAMIE, WAUSHARA, WAUPACA, WINNEBAGO

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## November Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Unchanged for in the Fox Valley Area

In November, the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate for the Fox Valley Region was unchanged at 3.8 percent. Had the region continued to follow a typical seasonal pattern for early winter, the rate would have increased about 0.2 of a percentage point. The difference between the actual and the average is quite small. Typically the rate will begin to rise in November and increase through January or February when employment levels begin to pick up again.

The area's employment picture remained better than it was one year ago. The unemployment rate in the region was down 0.5 of a percentage point from last November, while the number of workers in the labor force was up 3,500, and the number employed rose 4,900 from last year. This reduced the number of un-

employed by 1,400 to 13,200 workers in the region.

Only one county in the region had a decrease in its

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Msa	Wisconsin	United States (000's)
November-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	238,496	3,128,100	148,289
Employment	228,805	2,976,600	140,261
Unemployment	9,691	151,500	8,027
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.8%	5.4%
Civilian Labor Force	700	6,700	439
Employment	1,200	11,200	483
Unemployment	(500)	(4,600)	(45)
Unemployment Rate	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force	3,445	43,800	1,102
Employment	4,547	58,000	1,728
Unemployment	(1,102)	(14,200)	(626)
Unemployment Rate	-0.5%	-0.6%	-0.5%

Note: All estimates are rounded and preliminary, based on place of residence

monthly rate in November and that was Outagamie County, which declined 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.8 percent. Calumet and Winnebago Counties were unchanged for the month at 3.2 percent and 3.6 percent respectively. Green Lake County had the highest rate in the region at 5.1 percent, while Calumet was the lowest at 3.2 percent. Calumet County was the only county in the region in the

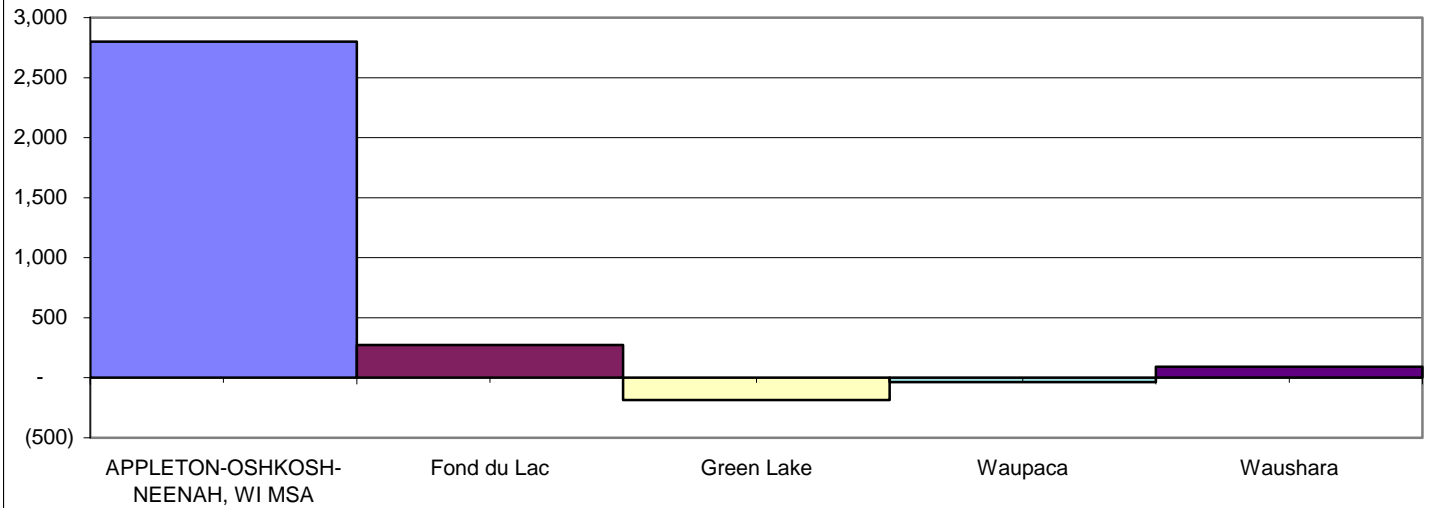
lowest ten unemployment rates in the State of Wisconsin ranking ninth lowest.

Waupaca County was the only county in the region with

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Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area										
November 2004	Appl/Osh MSA	Calumet	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Outagamie	Waupaca	Waushara	Winnebago	Fox Valley WDA	Non MSA's
Civilian Labor Force**	237,400	27,600	56,800	10,400	108,000	27,400	12,200	101,900	344,100	106,700
Employed	228,700	26,700	54,700	9,900	103,900	26,000	11,600	98,200	330,800	102,100
Unemployed	8,600	900	2,100	500	4,100	1,400	600	3,700	13,200	4,600
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%	5.1%	3.8%	4.9%	4.8%	3.6%	3.8%	4.3%
Change from one month ago October 2004										
Civilian Labor Force**	600	100	-300	0	200	0	0	300	300	-300
Employed	600	100	-300	-100	300	-100	-100	300	100	-500
Unemployed	-100	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	200	200
Unemployment rate(%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Change from one year ago November 2003										
Civilian Labor Force**	3,500	500	-100	0	1,600	0	100	1,500	3,500	-100
Employed	4,500	500	200	0	2,100	0	100	1,900	4,900	300
Unemployed	-1,000	0	-300	-100	-500	0	-100	-500	-1,400	-400
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.5%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.5%	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.4%

### Change from Nov-03 to Nov-04 for Total Nonfarm Employment in the Fox Valley Area



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an unemployment rate above one year ago levels. Over the year decreases ranged from a drop of 0.8 of a percentage point in Green Lake County to 0.2 of a percentage point in Calumet County, which is part of the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA.

The area's labor force for the region increased 300 to 344,100. The number of workers estimated to be employed was up 100 to 330,800. The number of unemployed rose 200 to 13,200.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) employment in the region rose 100 from last month. The total number of jobs estimated in the region is 289,300. This is up 2,900 from on year ago. During the last year, manufacturing increased 2,400, services has increased 1,200, education and health services 100, and government 500. At the same time construction was down 200, trade was down 200, transportation and utilities was down 400, and financial activities was down 700 from one year ago.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was 4.1 percent, down 0.1 of a percentage point from last month. The nation's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, and Wisconsin's was 4.8 percent.

Rates for other MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.3 percent; Sheboygan, 3.8 percent; Milwaukee, 5.1 percent, Wausau, 4.2 percent, and Madison, 2.5 percent. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in the state.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/oea>.

\*Beginning with January data for 2005 the Fox Valley will be adding to additional MSA's to its region. The Appleton/Oshkosh will be split into two MSA's and Fond du Lac County will become a MSA by itself. Release of data for these regions will occur with the release of January data in early March 2005.

### Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)\*

National (U. S. City Average.) 1982-84 = 100				% Change	Class B/C - North Central States (1996 = 100)				% Change	Class D - North Central States (1996 = 100)				% Change
U.S. City Average	Nov-04	Oct-04	Nov-03		(Size 50,000-1,500,000)	Nov-04	Oct-04	Nov-03		(Size Less than 50,000)	Nov-04	Oct-04	Nov-03	
All Items	191.0	190.9	3.5%		All Items	117.7	117.4	3.6%		All Items	177.7	177.1	3.7%	
Food & Beverage	188.6	188.4	3.1%		Food & Beverage	116.1	116.2	2.7%		Food & Beverage	180.8	180.0	2.9%	
Housing	190.8	191.0	3.1%		Housing	115.8	115.3	3.2%		Housing	167.1	166.1	4.1%	
Apparel & Upkeep	123.0	124.1	-0.1%		Apparel & Upkeep	92.1	91.7	0.3%		Apparel & Upkeep	128.1	130.0	-9.5%	
Transportation	167.2	166.4	7.4%		Transportation	119.2	119.4	6.6%		Transportation	155.1	154.9	7.3%	
Gasoline (all Types)	171.0	172.2	30.9%		Gasoline (all Types)	173.6	180.0	28.5%		Gasoline (all Types)	155.8	157.8	28.8%	
Medical Care	314.1	313.3	4.4%		Medical Care	136.3	135.1	6.1%		Medical Care	309.2	307.6	6.3%	
Energy	158.6	157.7	19.2%		Energy	152.3	152.8	19.0%		Energy	144.9	142.5	19.4%	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \*Not Seasonally Adjusted

<b>Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area</b>							
<b>November 2004</b>	<b>Appl/Osh MSA</b>	<b>Fond du Lac</b>	<b>Green Lake</b>	<b>Waupaca</b>	<b>Waushara</b>	<b>Fox Valley WDA</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWs) ***</b>	206,900	48,000	7,200	21,200	6,100	289,300	2,872,600
Total Private	182,400	42,000	6,000	17,000	4,600	252,000	2,452,900
Goods Producing	61,600	13,200	1,700	5,700	1,200	83,400	653,900
Service Producing	145,300	34,700	5,500	15,500	4,900	205,900	2,218,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	12,700	2,900	500	900	300	17,200	135,100
Manufacturing	48,900	10,400	1,200	4,800	900	66,200	518,800
Trade	30,600	7,500	900	3,200	800	43,000	229,700
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	1,300	300	500	300	9,200	48,500
Financial Activities	10,100	1,800	300	700	200	13,100	162,700
Education and Health Services	21,600	6,300	1,100	2,600	700	32,200	382,600
Leisure & Hospitality	15,700	4,600	700	2,100	800	23,800	240,600
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	35,900	7,300	1,000	2,300	600	47,200	443,100
Total Government	24,500	5,900	1,200	4,200	1,500	37,300	419,700
Federal	1,100	300	100	100	100	1,600	29,400
State	5,800	700	0	900	400	7,800	102,800
Local	17,600	5,000	1,100	3,200	1,100	28,000	287,500
<b>Change from one month ago</b>	<b>October 2004</b>						
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWs) ***</b>	500	-200	-100	-100	0	100	4,500
Percent change NFWs from last month	0.2%	-0.3%	-1.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.2%
Total Private	100	-200	-110	-160	-50	-400	-1,700
Goods Producing	-200	-300	0	-10	30	-500	-3,700
Service Producing	700	100	-100	-70	-50	600	8,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-200	-100	-10	-30	0	-300	-2,700
Manufacturing	0	-200	10	20	30	-100	-1,000
Trade	800	200	-10	-10	-10	900	1,500
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	-10	0	-10	0	600
Financial Activities	0	0	10	0	-10	0	500
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	40	0	100	2,100
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-100	-100	-200	-100	-900	-9,700
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	0	0	-10	-20	-10	0	-3,800
Total Government	400	0	10	90	30	600	6,200
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	200	0	0	20	0	200	1,300
Local	200	0	10	70	40	300	4,900
<b>Change from one year ago</b>	<b>November 2003</b>						
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWs) ***</b>	2,800	300	-200	0	100	2,900	67,600
Percent change NFWs from last year	1.4%	0.6%	-2.5%	-0.2%	1.5%	1.0%	2.4%
Total Private	2,200	200	-60	-40	90	2,400	67,800
Goods Producing	2,300	-100	-20	-80	90	2,200	18,400
Service Producing	500	400	-160	40	0	700	49,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-300	100	20	0	0	-200	2,500
Manufacturing	2,600	-200	-40	-80	90	2,400	15,900
Trade	-300	200	-30	-30	-10	-200	7,700
Transportation & Utilities	-300	-100	10	0	0	-400	-300
Financial Activities	-700	0	10	-10	10	-700	2,600
Education and Health Services	200	-200	0	30	0	100	8,000
Leisure & Hospitality	0	100	-30	50	10	200	2,400
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	1,000	200	0	-10	0	1,200	18,800
Total Government	600	0	-130	0	0	500	-200
Federal	0	0	-10	0	0	0	-100
State	400	0	0	20	0	400	-200
Local	200	0	-120	-20	0	100	100
* Seven counties, excluding La Crosse County ** Includes participants residing in area. *** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWs data is benchmarked to 3/2002							

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